1	2	3	4
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	899.19	60.00	959.19
Department of Space	1355.23	182.85	1538.08
Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation	1138.18	8.62	1146.80
Ministry of Steel	51.72	58.90	110.62
Ministry of Textiles	1402.37	392.77	1795.14
Ministry of Tourism	203.62	400.59	604.21
Ministry of Tribal Affairs	1273.51		1273.51
U.Ts without Legislature	1991.62	265.29	2256.91
Ministry of Urban Development	1024.85	960.06	1984.91
Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation	203.03	2.78	205.81
Ministry of Water Resources	478.62	38.55	517.17
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	398.18	1.31	399.49
Ministry of Minority Affairs	105.96	10.00	115.96
Ministry of Railways		5100.11	5100.11
Contingency Fund*	239.68	—	239.68
GRAND TOTAL :	347691.83	36028.94	383720.77

*NOTE: Pertains to Ministry of Finance, Environment & Forests, Chemicals and Fertilizers and Communications and Information Technology.

Demand for probe into payments by Vedanta Company

178. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Vedanta Company which controls 51 per cent stake in Balco allegedly paid US $ 2.5 millions to political parties as per details given in the Annual Reports of the Company and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the information relating to the names of beneficiaries asked by certain persons has been refused by Government and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have received any demand for a probe in this regard and if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and shall be placed on the Table of the House.

Reduction in stakes in Punjab National Bank

†179. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board of Punjab National Bank has approved the decision of reducing Government's stake in the Bank upto 51 per cent by reducing the same to the extent of 6.8 per cent;

(b) if so, whether Government are having a proposal to bring down Government's stake in other banks also; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government equity in the Nationalised Banks has been increasingly diluted and offered to public by way of public issues with a view to have more and more public participation in the affairs of the Nationalised Banks, creating an environment conducive for the Public Sector Banks to raise additional funds from the market for meeting Basel II requirements and respond effectively to emerging competitive pressures. Out of 19 Nationalised Banks, 16 have already accessed the capital market. However, in terms of Sub-section 3 (2B) (c) of Banking companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970/1980, the Government shall at all times hold not less than 51% of the paid up capital of the Nationalised Bank.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.